

Alaska Telephone Association

Dave Dengel
President

201 E. 56th, Suite 114
Anchorage, AK 99518
(907) 563-4000
FAX (907) 562-3776
www.alaskatel.org

James Rowe
Executive Director
jrowe@alaskatel.org

May 8, 2012

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*,
WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 2nd Greg Berberich, CEO of Matanuska Telephone Association Cooperative (“MTA”) and I met with Carol Matthey, Joe Cavender, Amy Bender and Gary Seigel of the Wireline Competition Bureau. MTA, having experienced a dramatic decline in proposed support from the first regression analysis to the second (released April 25, 2012), Mr. Berberich attempted to identify someone at the Commission with whom his staff might communicate to understand the data and comparisons to other companies that allowed MTA to appear, in summary, in such a poor light. He indicated that the decline in USF support would put at risk jobs in rural America.

On May 3rd Mr. Berberich and I, in separate meetings, met with Christine Kurth of Commissioner McDowell’s office and Angela Kronenberg of Commissioner Clyburn’s office. In each instance the dramatic change from the first regression analysis to the second on MTA was discussed as were the loss of jobs in rural America caused by the “reform” policies of this Commission.

Sincerely,



Jim Rowe
Executive Director
Alaska Telephone Association

cc: Christine Kurth
Angela Kronenberg
Carol Matthey
Joe Cavender
Amy Bender
Gary Seigel